

GANARASKA REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE FULL AUTHORITY

March 15, 2018

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1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair called the Full Authority meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy Partner, Chair - Municipality of Clarington
Jeff Lees, Vice-Chair - Municipality of Port Hope
Raymond Bennis - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
Brian Darling - Town of Cobourg
John Fallis - Township of Cavan Monaghan
Mark Lovshin - Township of Hamilton
Heather Stauble - City of Kawartha Lakes
Willie Woo - Municipality of Clarington

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Laliberte, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Leslie Benson, Interim Director of Watershed Services
Greg Wells, Manager, Planning & Regulations
Steve McMullen, Forest Recreation Technician
Members of the public

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Louise Ferrie-Blecher - Municipality of Port Hope
Forrest Rowden - Town of Cobourg

ALSO ABSENT:

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

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MOVED BY: Brian Darling

SECONDED BY: John Fallis

THAT the Full Authority approve the minutes of the November 30, 2017 meeting.
CARRIED.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Item 11. b) under New Business was moved to the Source Protection agenda as item 2.

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MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin

SECONDED BY: John Fallis

THAT the Full Authority adopt the agenda as amended.
CARRIED.

5. Delegations

None

6. Presentations

None

7. Business Arising from Minutes

None

8. Correspondence

None

9. Applications under Ontario Regulation 168/06:

Permits approved by Executive:

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MOVED BY: Willie Woo

SECONDED BY: Heather Stauble

THAT the Full Authority receive the permits for information.

CARRIED.

Permit Application require Full Authority discussion:

None

10. Committee Reports:

None

11. New Business:

a) Greenbelt Golden Horseshoe CA Collaborative

Discussion took place. Board member requested a full definition of “green infrastructure”. Staff to follow-up at April 19th meeting.

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MOVED BY: John Fallis

SECONDED BY: Jeff Lees

WHEREAS the Province has affirmed its commitment to strengthen the Greenbelt, and to advance place-based planning on a regional scale through the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe;

WHEREAS the Greater Golden Horseshoe is one of the fastest growing regions in North America, with a projected population of almost 12 million people by 2031;

WHEREAS the planning and environmental issues affecting the Greenbelt and the Greater Golden Horseshoe are increasing in number and complexity;

WHEREAS there is a need to be able to address not only the local challenges but those that are more pervasive and regional in scale including climate change, flood remediation and the environmental impacts of growth;

WHEREAS a collaborative, coordinated and cohesive response to the environmental challenges of growth are needed by building a constituency of interest for a healthy urban region;

WHEREAS the health of Greenbelt Golden Horseshoe residents depends on the health of the natural environment and the sustainability and resilience of our communities;

WHEREAS Conservation Authorities provide valuable and value-added services and benefits to our municipal partners who are addressing complex issues including climate change, Great Lake water quality, public health and safety and sustainable city-building and transportation options;

WHEREAS the ten urban-based Conservation Authorities have met for over a decade as the Greater Golden Horseshoe Chief Administrative Officers (GGH CAO) group to address common concerns and to advance mutually beneficial solutions to the challenges facing the more populated watersheds;

WHEREAS there is an established history of place-based collaborative action among Conservation Authorities since 2000 – in the form of the Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition (CAMC);

WHEREAS there is a need for and an opportunity to build expertise, understanding and capacity at the landscape scale;

WHEREAS there is an opportunity among the Conservation Authorities to share knowledge, coordinate action and ensure consistency of practice to advance better planning, policy and program outcomes;

WHEREAS an understanding exist that climate change is a significant threat to development and the security of individuals, communities and regions and there is a need to act in order to preserve and enhance, for future generations, the economic, social and environmental conditions that we enjoy;

WHEREAS there is an opportunity for Conservation Authorities and partner agencies to utilize resources (fiscal and human) in a more efficient and effective manner and to consider economies of scale from a research, knowledge and planning perspective;

THEREFORE IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Authority endorse the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority's participation in the Greenbelt Golden Horseshoe Conservation Authorities Collaborative and authorize the CAO/Secretary-Treasurer to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding.

DEFERRED.

b) Appointment of Board Member to Recreational User Committee (RUC)

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MOVED BY: Mark Lovshin

SECONDED BY: Brian Darling

THAT Jeff Lees be appointment as Board Member to the Recreational User Committee (RUC).

CARRIED

12. Other Business

None

13. In Camera

None

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Mark Lovshin.

CHAIR

CAO/SECRETARY-TREASURER